

Certain activities in navigable waters are exempt from needing a permit under chapter 30, Wisconsin Statutes. Using this checklist, you can determine if your project qualifies for an exemption.

Your proposed **pilings** are eligible for an exemption if your project will meet all the following conditions:

- ☐ Pilings may not be located in an area of special natural resource interest (ASNRI) or within a public rights feature (PRF) – see the Designated Waters Search on DNR’s website to determine if your waterway is an ASNRI, PRF or has another special designation.
- ☐ Erosion control measures shall meet or exceed the technical standards for erosion control approved by DNR under subchapter V of NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code. Any area where topsoil is exposed during construction shall be immediately seeded and mulched or ripped to stabilize disturbed areas and prevent soils from being eroded and washed into the waterway.

Note: These standards can be found at the following website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/stormwaterr.techstds.htm>

- ☐ Unless part of a permanent stormwater management plan, all temporary erosion and sediment control practices shall be removed upon final site stabilization. Areas disturbed during construction or installation shall be restored.
- ☐ To protect fish habitat during spawning seasons, the wing deflector may not be placed during the following time periods:
  - (a) For trout streams and perennial tributaries to trout streams, September 15 through May 15.
  - (b) For all waters not identified in (a) and south of State Highway 29, March 15 through May 15.
  - (c) For all waters not identified in (a) and north of State Highway 29, April 1 through June 1.
- ☐ Pilings may be placed and maintained only by a riparian.
- ☐ Pilings shall be placed entirely within the riparian’s zone of interest, and shall have a minimum side setback of 10 feet from the riparian zone.
- ☐ Pilings may not be placed in a manner that adversely impedes surface or subsurface flow into or out of any wetland.
- ☐ Pilings may not result in the permanent or temporary deposition of fill in any floodway or wetland.
- ☐ Pilings shall be placed only for the purposes of deflecting ice to protect an existing or proposed structure, or providing a pivot point for turning watercraft.
- ☐ Pilings may not be placed or used for mooring a boat, except in Lake Michigan, Lake Superior or on the Mississippi River.
- ☐ Pilings may consist of a group of not more than 5 individual piles placed adjacent to each other and firmly bound together.

- ☐ Any grading, excavation and land disturbance shall be confined to the minimum area necessary for the construction and may not exceed 10,000 square feet.
- ☐ All equipment used for the project shall be designed and properly sized to minimize the amount of sediment that can escape into the water.
- ☐ A deposit of sand, gravel or stone may be associated with the placement of pilings provided the deposit is limited to the area underneath the pilings and is less than 2 cubic yards.
- ☐ Dredging may be associated with the placement of pilings provided the dredging does not exceed 2 cubic yards.

If your project does not meet all of these conditions, submit a permit application to the Department.

If you have any questions about whether you meet these conditions, you may request an Exemption Determination from DNR. Obtain Form 3500-107, "Chapter 30 Exemption Determination Request" from a DNR service center, or download it from our website at [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) under the topic "Waterway and Wetland Permits." Complete the form and submit it to the DNR office identified on the form.